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PART III

Notifications by High Court, Advertisement, Notices and Change of Name etc.

BAR COUNCIL OF PUNJAB & HARYANA

Notice for Election

The 30th January, 2026

(As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme court of India , vide order dated 30.11.2025 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1319/2023 M. Vardhan Vs Union of India & Anr.

Notification No. 05/26.— It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that under Rules 4 and 6 of the Rules made by Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, under Section 15 of the Advocates Act, 1961, with the approval of the Bar Council of India, in view of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India the election of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana has fixed for **17th March, 2026 at U.T. Chandigarh and 18th March 2026, in the States of Punjab and Haryana,** as dates for **the Election of twenty three Members to the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, for** the States of Punjab, Haryana and Union Territory of Chandigarh. The said election shall be by secret personal ballot paper and by single transferable vote, at the Polling Stations which will be set up in all Districts, Tehsil/ Sub Divisional Headquarters where there are at least seventy-five duly enrolled voters. The Voters enrolled at other places less than 75 shall vote at the nearest polling Station.

The detailed programme of Election is as under;-

(i)	Dates for filing of Nomination papers at Law Bhawan Sector 37-A, Chandigarh	Tuesday 10th February, 2026 & Wednesday 11th February, 2026 from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM
(ii)	Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officer	Thursday 12th February, 2026 @ 12.00 Noon
(iii)	Dates of withdrawal of candidatures	Friday 13th February, 2026 and Saturday 14th February 2026 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM (except lunch break)
(iv)	Date of Polling Punjab and Haryana High Court and District Court Chandigarh	Tuesday 17th March, 2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM.
(v)	Date of Polling in the States of Punjab and Haryana all District, Sub Division and Tehsil Head Quarters	Wednesday 18th March, 2026 10.00 AM. to 5.00 PM.

(vi)	Counting of Votes at Chandigarh	Friday 20th March, 2026 onwards in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh
(vi)	(i) Total number of seats. (ii) Number of seats for which election is to be held. (iii) To be co-opted (iv) Minimums number of seats that have to be filled from amongst the advocates who have been on the State Roll for at least 10 years. (v) Minimum number of seats that have to filled from amongst the Women candidates.	25 23 02 13 05

In view of the proviso to Section 3 (2)(b) of the Advocates Act,1961 and rule 4 (A) of the Bar Council of India Rules and 49 (ac) and (ae) of the said Act, the number of seats to be filled from amongst the candidates who have been on the Roll of the State Bar Council for less than ten years shall be twelve. There shall, however, be no limit to the number of elected candidates who have been on the Roll of the State Bar Council for at least ten years who could be declared elected. In computing the said period of ten years in relation to any such person, there shall be included any period during which he/she has been an advocate enrolled under the Advocates Act, 1961 and / or on the Roll of any other State Bar Council, prior to transfer to the Roll of this Bar Council u/s 18 of the Advocates Act, 1961.

Every candidate for election as a Member of the Bar Council shall be proposed by one voter and seconded by another voter. The nomination paper shall be delivered to the Returning Officer either personally or through an agent duly authorized by the applicant in writing or be sent by registered post so as to reach to the Returning Officer between **10.00 AM. to 4.00 PM. on 10th February, 2026 and 11th February 2026**. Such nomination paper shall further contain the acceptance by the candidate to serve on the Bar Council, if elected.

Each nomination shall specify the date of enrolment as an advocate of the candidate and the period for which his/her name has been on the Roll of State Bar Council under the Advocates Act, 1961 with full particulars thereof and serial number in the final Electoral Roll.

Nomination paper shall be available w.e.f. 01.02.2026, for sale for a sum of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand only) maximum 4 (four) nomination papers will be issued per candidate.

Every nomination paper shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,25,000/- (Rupees one lakh Twenty five thousand only) by way of Bank Draft in favour of "Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana" payable at Chandigarh or online.

Provided as per order dated 05.01.2026, passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the matter of Pankaj Sinha Vs Bar Council of India & ors. in Writ Petition (s) (Civil) No. (s) 1261 /2025 , if any advocate belonging to the especially abled category, to contest the election of the Bar Council shall be required to pay symbolic nomination fee of Rs. 15,000/- by way of Bank Draft in favour of "Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana" payable at Chandigarh or online, instead of Rs. 1,25,000/-

Note ; As per order dated 16.1.2026 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, there is no separate Ballot paper for the women advocates contesting the Election of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh-2026. A common ballot paper will be there for all.

The nomination paper shall be in the following form.

BAR COUNCIL OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA CHANDIGARH.

Form 'A' (Under Rule 8)

Specimen of Nomination paper for election 2026 to the

Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh

To

The Returning Officer,
Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana,
Law Bhawan, Sector 37-A, Chandigarh. Pin; 160036

We, nominate Sh./Ms. _____

Advocate on the Roll of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana enrolled on_____ practising at_____ as a candidate for election to the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana to be held on **17th March, 2026 & 18th March 2026.**

1. Name _____

Address;_____Sr. No. in the Electoral Roll_____Enrolment No. P/PH_____/ _____

Mobile No. _____Email_____

Dated_____ Signature
(Proposer)

Undertaking/Declaration:

1. That I am a regular practitioner and not a convict and has not been punished by any Disciplinary Committee (of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana or Bar Council of India till the period before 9 months of the election). I have a valid certificate & degrees duly recognized by concerned Board/ University. That my enrollment, if procured based on an invalid certificate or degree shall not be treated to be valid for being a Member of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, irrespective of inclusion of my name on the State-roll.
2. That no criminal case of serious nature (prescribing punishment for 7 years or more) pending against me prior to 9 months of the election.
3. That I am not doing any work of Handwriting Expert or appearing as a witness in support of any litigant.
4. That I confirm that I am qualified to be an Advocate of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana and also to be a voter in the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana Elections to be held on 17th & 18th March, 2026.
5. That I also confirm that I suffer from no disqualification for being a member of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana and also being a voter for Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana Elections to be held on 17th & 18th March, 2026, as provided for in Chapter-I of Bar Council of India Rules (for Qualification / Disqualification and produce for election and code of conduct for elections of S.B.C/ B.C.I.) 2023 issued vide Bar Council of India Notification No. F. No. BCI:D:3429/2023 dated 23.06.2023.
6. That any concealment shall attract appropriate disciplinary and criminal action, besides the cancellation of candidature of advocate being proposer by the hereunder and removal of my name from the rolls of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh.

Signature

Dated_____ (Proposer)

_____AND_____

2. Name _____

Address; _____

Sr. No. in the Electoral Roll_____Enrolment No. P/PH_____/ _____

Mobile No. _____Email_____

Signature

Dated_____ (Seconder)

Undertaking/Declaration:

1. That I am a regular practitioner and not a convict and has not been punished by any Disciplinary Committee (of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana or Bar Council of India till the period before 9 months of the election). I have a valid certificate & degrees duly recognized by concerned Board/ University. That my enrollment, if procured based on an invalid certificate or degree shall not be treated to be valid for being a Member of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, irrespective of inclusion of my name on the State-roll.
2. That no criminal case of serious nature (prescribing punishment for 7 years or more) pending against me prior to 9 months of the election.
3. That I am not doing any work of Handwriting Expert or appearing as a witness in support of any litigant.
4. That I confirm that I am qualified to be an Advocate of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana and also to be a voter in the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana Elections to be held on 17th & 18th March, 2026.
5. That I also confirm that I suffer from no disqualification for being a member of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana and also being a voter for Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana Elections to be held on 17th & 18th March, 2026, as provided for in Chapter-I of Bar Council of India Rules (for Qualification / Disqualification and produce for election and code of conduct for elections of S.B.C/ B.C.I.) 2023 issued vide Bar Council of India Notification No. F. No. BCI:D:3429/2023 dated 23.06.2023.
6. That any concealment shall attract appropriate disciplinary and criminal action, besides the cancellation of candidature of advocate being seconder by the hereunder and removal of my name from the rolls of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh.

Dated

Signature
(Seconder)

I am willing to serve the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh, if elected.

Name and address of the Candidate _____

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Mobile No._____ Email _____

Sr. No. in the Electoral Roll_____ Enrolled on _____

Enrolment No. P/PH/_____/_____

Dated

Signature of the Candidate

Undertaking/Declaration:

1. That I am a regular practitioner and not a convict and has not been punished by any Disciplinary Committee (of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana or Bar Council of India till the period before 9 months of the election). I have a valid certificate & degrees duly recognized by concerned Board/ University. That my enrollment, if procured based on an invalid certificate or degree shall not be treated to be valid for being a Member of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, irrespective of inclusion of my name on the State-roll.
2. That no criminal case of serious nature (prescribing punishment for 7 years or more) pending against me prior to 9 months of the election.
3. That I am not doing any work of Handwriting Expert or appearing as a witness in support of any litigant.
4. That I confirm that I am qualified to be an Advocate of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana and also to be a voter in the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana Elections to be held on 17th & 18th March, 2026.
5. That I also confirm that I suffer from no disqualification for being a member of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana and also being a voter for Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana Elections to be held on 17th & 18th March, 2026, as provided for in Chapter-I of Bar Council of India Rules (for Qualification / Disqualification and produce for election and code of conduct for elections of S.B.C/ B.C.I.) 2023 issued vide Bar Council of India Notification No. F. No. BCI:D:3429/2023 dated 23.06.2023.
6. That any concealment shall attract appropriate disciplinary and criminal action, besides the cancellation of my candidature by the Returning Office and also removal of my name from the rolls of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh.

Dated

Signature of the Candidate

Any person having an individual grievance shall be at liberty to apply before the High-Powered Election Committee (Phase-III) for redressal of such grievance(s).

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the High-Powered Election Committee (Phase-III) shall be at liberty to approach the High-Powered Supervisory Committee. The decision taken by the Supervisory Committee shall be final and no Civil Court or High Court shall entertain any petition against such decision.

Justice Jaishree Thakur (Retd.)
Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court
Returning Officer
Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana
Chandigarh

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Endst. BCPH/Election/6582 /2026 Dated the 30.01.2026

Copy with a spare copy of the notification forwarded to the President/Vice- President/ Secretary , Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, Chandigarh , for information, with the request that the spare copy of notification may kindly be displayed on the **Notice Board** of your Bar Association and circulated on your Bar Association WhatsApp group, as well as through any other convenient mode, for the general information of all Advocates/Members practicing within the jurisdiction of your Bar Association.

Justice Jaishree Thakur (Retd.)
Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court
Returning Officer

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Endst. BCPH/Election/6583 /2026 Dated the 30.01.2026

Copy with a spare copy of the notification forwarded to the Presidents/ Vice Presidents/ Secretaries, all Bar Associations in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Union Territory Chandigarh, for information, with the request that the spare copy of notification may kindly be displayed on the **Notice Board** of your Bar Association and circulated on your Bar Association WhatsApp group, as well as through any other convenient mode, for the general information of all Advocates/Members practicing within the jurisdiction of your Bar Association.

Justice Jaishree Thakur (Retd.)
Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court
Returning Officer
Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana
Chandigarh

Endst. BCPH/Election/6584 /2026 Dated the 30.01.2026

A copy is forwarded to the Advocate-General, Punjab and Advocate-General Haryana, Chandigarh for information.

Justice Jaishree Thakur (Retd.)
Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court
Returning Officer
Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana
Chandigarh

Approved

Mr. Justice Ranjit Singh (Retd.)
Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court
Chairperson
High Powered Election Committee-Phase III-C

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